

MR. WALLERSTEIN IS SANGUINE

Believes Council Will Approve Money for Gas Works.

THE CITY'S GREAT WEEKLY LOSS

He Estimates It to Be \$500 a Week, Inspector Shelton Tells of Views of Those Consumers Whom He Meets Every Day.

Mr. Joseph Wallerstein, chairman of the Council Committee on Light, expresses himself as being confident that the Council will very soon appropriate the \$25,000 which it is said will be necessary to put the City Gas Works in first-class order. Mr. Wallerstein says it can be demonstrated that the city is now losing over \$500 a week by reason of the inefficiency of the plant, and that the installation of new and better machinery will pay for itself in a short time.

EIGHTY CENT GAS.
Mr. Wallerstein is convinced that eighty cent gas and a holder in the West End will be realities in the near future. He thinks the best way for the city to be in a position to sell the gas for eighty cents is to provide a better equipment. He is satisfied that the reduction to eighty cents will cause such increased use of gas as to more than compensate the city for the reduction.

Wallerstein has labored long and faithfully over this matter of more and better gas for Richmond, and is naturally gratified at the prospect for the realization of his hopes.

THE CONSUMERS' VIEW.
Mr. Joseph Shelton, the gas inspector, told me yesterday that in his daily work with consumers for some time past, they seemed generally agreed that the city should put the works in such condition as would guarantee a good, fixed gas under all conditions and in all seasons of the year. Also a better control of the pressure of the gas and increased capacity to provide for emergencies.

QUERY ANSWERS.

Interesting Information on Many Subjects.

I would like to know which nation, Norway or Sweden, stands first in literature and learning?

This is not easily answered, and depends somewhat on how one looks at the matter. The entire Scandinavian peninsula, until the eleventh century, and out of the ancient dialects the modern Swedish has been formed, and changes in the language have followed in every century. Prof. William G. Cornell, University, N. Y., is authority for the statement that Norway can not be said to have had a distinct literature until after her union with Sweden. But there is a long list of emigrants to the United States, and the language and literature of Norway. There is little doubt, however, that Sweden in its general educational influence at home and in the world at large is the stronger, and yet their influence and power react upon and encourage each other.

In connection with the interest in the will of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, you please to say what taxes his estate must pay?

This estate probably ranges in value between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000. Assuming it will amount to \$10,000,000, and it is decided to direct heirs, it will pay an inheritance tax to New York State of \$1,000,000, of which 1 per cent, or \$100,000, will go to Controller H. S. Cole to compensate him for the cost of collecting. Another tax of \$100,000 will be collected by the collector of internal revenue as a war tax, and will be paid into the treasury of the United States. The law provides for a United States war revenue tax of 2 1/2 per cent on bequests to nephews and nieces, and 15 per cent on bequests to other than blood relations. If the estate is divided, therefore, the government tax will be at least \$2,000,000, so that to the State and the nation \$3,000,000 will be paid before the property is divided. The sum that will actually be paid may reach \$4,000,000, as the estate will pay 5 per cent on collateral bequests.

Will you please to say something in your weekly column on the present political conditions in Ireland?

Since Mr. Gladstone's death there has been little to say along this line until recently, but we would call attention to the organization of the United Irish League under the leadership of William O'Brien and others. The league is a political party, and its members are joining as a practical instrument for putting an end to the divisions and jealousies of the various political parties, and to bring unity out of the chaos of Irish politics. There is a general effort for better roads, for the improvement of local business, for the benefit of the artisans in the towns and the laborers and small farmers in the country. The interest taken in local government since the passage of the Salisbury ministry's reform act is noticeable. County government in Ireland has been based out of the hands of the large land-owners and is now controlled by the tenant farmers, laborers and artisans, and the nationalists are now responsible for local administration and taxation in all counties except those of the northern belt.

Please to tell me how long the Transvaal Republic fought before independence?

On April 12, 1877, the Transvaal was annexed by the British Government, against which in December, 1880, the Boers took up arms, and a treaty of peace was signed March 23, 1881.

What will be the horse-power necessary for the producing of light for the Paris exposition?

At the Paris exposition of 1883 the motive power was only 150 horse-power; in 1887, 625 horse-power; in 1889, 2,500 horse-power; in 1893, 5,200 horse-power; in 1898 it is thought that 20,000 horse-power may be needed.

I want to know (1) which is the oldest college in the United States, and (2) which is the oldest Yale or Princeton?

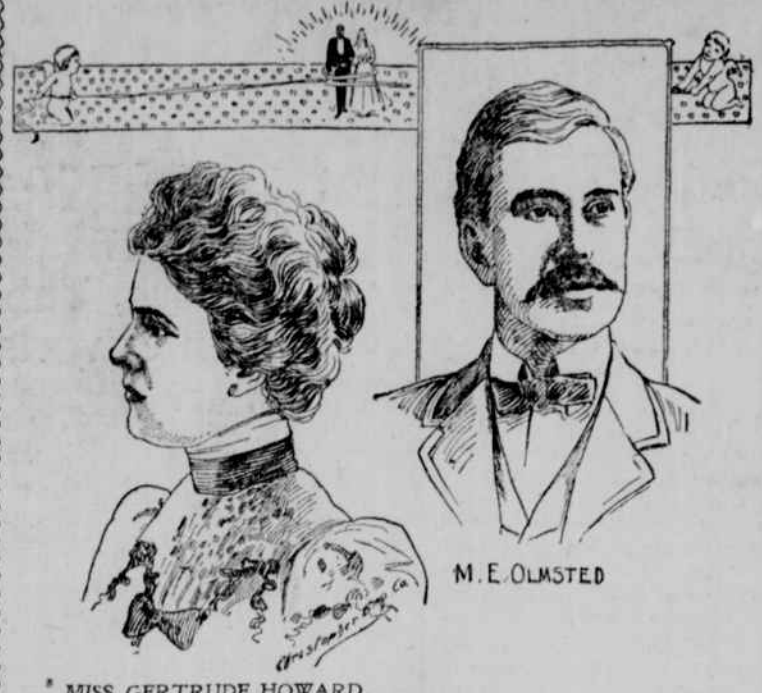
Harvard University is the oldest institution of learning in the United States, and dates from October 28, 1630. Yale's charter is dated October 9, 1701, and Princeton's first charter was obtained in 1746.

Does Germany subsidize any steamship lines?

Yes, she has done so for several years and is now planning to enlarge this custom to include steamships to ply regularly between Germany and both the east and west coasts of Africa. Germany's trade with Cape Colony and the Transvaal has been materially increasing, and she plans to favor its continued increase.

Please to give data in brief concerning the Olympia, date 1892; Admiral Dewey's

MISS HOWARD TO WED CONGRESSMAN OLMSTED.



MISS GERTRUDE HOWARD.

Miss Gertrude Howard, who on the 26th of this month is to be married to the Hon. M. E. Olmsted, a distinguished member of the Pennsylvania bar and the members of Congress from the Harrisburg District, is a daughter of the late Conway Robinson Howard, of Richmond, who was an eminent civil engineer and served on the staff of General A. P. Hill, during the war. He was for many years connected with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, but at the time of his death was in the service of the city of Baltimore. Her mother was Jane Colston, daughter of Colonel Raleigh Colston, late of Richmond, but formerly of Albemarle county.

Miss Howard was born in Richmond, but since her childhood has been the adopted daughter of her uncle, Captain Charles M. Blackford, a prominent member of the Lynchburg bar, whose wife was a sister of Colonel Colston. Her womanhood has thus far been spent in Lynchburg, Va., where she is best known and best loved, and where she will be greatly missed. Her beauty, fine sense, kind heart, ready sympathy and tactful manners have won her friends and admirers wherever she is known, but in Lynchburg her popularity amongst every class is boundless. Young and old, men and women, white and black, all love and admire her, and all grieve to give her up. This fact, patent to all, is the highest encomium which can be passed on her character. She has been a great favorite in society, and has always been a leader, not only at home, but in Richmond, Norfolk and everywhere in Virginia, and for several seasons was a star of the first magnitude amidst the constellation always to be found at the White Sulphur. Miss Howard is very lovely in person, but her physical beauty is so eclipsed by her mental and moral graces that it is not considered by those who know her best, as her greatest charm.

Mr. Olmsted, to whom she is to be married, is a gentleman of culture and refinement, whose life has been one of hard work and high aims, stainless, and very successful.

Flagship, a protected cruiser, complement, 640; displacement, 5,310 tons; speed, 21 1/2 knots; maximum coal supply, 1,100 tons; armament, 10 12-inch; 16 6-inch; 10 3-inch; 10 1-inch; 10 1/2-inch; 10 1/4-inch; 10 1/8-inch; 10 1/16-inch; 10 1/32-inch; 10 1/64-inch; 10 1/128-inch; 10 1/256-inch; 10 1/512-inch; 10 1/1024-inch; 10 1/2048-inch; 10 1/4096-inch; 10 1/8192-inch; 10 1/16384-inch; 10 1/32768-inch; 10 1/65536-inch; 10 1/131072-inch; 10 1/262144-inch; 10 1/524288-inch; 10 1/1048576-inch; 10 1/2097152-inch; 10 1/4194304-inch; 10 1/8388608-inch; 10 1/16777216-inch; 10 1/33554432-inch; 10 1/67108864-inch; 10 1/134217728-inch; 10 1/268435456-inch; 10 1/536870912-inch; 10 1/1073741824-inch; 10 1/2147483648-inch; 10 1/4294967296-inch; 10 1/8589934592-inch; 10 1/17179869184-inch; 10 1/34359738368-inch; 10 1/68719476736-inch; 10 1/137438953472-inch; 10 1/274877906944-inch; 10 1/549755813888-inch; 10 1/1099511627776-inch; 10 1/2199023255552-inch; 10 1/4398046511104-inch; 10 1/8796093022208-inch; 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